ternal Affairs and this Ministry was given. The cases of States will be considered on merits at the time of operation of Haj charters.

Railway accidents in Orissa

106. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of railway accidents which took place in Orissa during 1986-87 and 1987-88, stating the causes thereof;

(b) what is the number of persons killed and injured in the accidents and

(c) what is the amount of compensation paid to the next of kin of those killed and to the injured?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Statistics of railway accidents and related information are maintained railway-wise and not State-wise.

Four laning of national highway No. 5

107. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether four-laning of National Highway No. 5 from O.M.P. Junction to Mahanadi bridge in Orissa is in progress;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the total estimated cost of the proposal; and

(c) what is the time schedule for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated cost of the proposal covering a length of 1.78 km. is Rs. 91.42 lakhs.

(c) The work is targetted for completion in December, 1988.

Promotion of beach resorts along Western Coast

108. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to conduct a survey of the entire Western Coast for promoting the beach resorts; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The Government propose to conduct a Tourism Potential Survey of Western Ghats which will include most parts of Western Coast. The objectives of the study are the following:—

(i) to prepare an inventory of upto-date tourism resources of Western Ghats.

(ii) to assess the infrastructural facilities in each of the centres and its present level of utilisation.

(iii) to identify the factors inhibiting the growth of tourism, both domestic and international, in this region.

(iv) to assess the potential tourism demand, expected benefits and its socio-economic effects.

(v) to suggest specific means for improving tourist inflow to the region and to out-line an investment programme designed to provide necessary tourist infrastructure facilities to meet the growth in demand.

The Government is now in the process of selecting a suitable agency for undertaking the survey.